

Welcome to Versailles State Park



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Please join us for any activity. All programs are free and open to the public. All activities will be held at the Nature Center unless otherwise noted. All times for programs are Daylight S.T. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for outdoor programs. Children under the age of 12 should be accompanied by an adult. Please stop by and visit our Nature Center during your stay. Live snakes, turtles, fish, and exhibits highlight the natural resources of our park. Thank you and enjoy your visit!

Week of June 2- June 8, 2008

Monday, June 2- Wed, June 4, 2008

Nature Center Closed.

Thursday, June 5, 2008

Nature Center Open from 8-4 pm

10 am Animal Imposters

Both predator and prey use remarkable forms of deception to achieve their goals- either to eat or avoid being eaten. Come watch this 1 hr video on animal imposters.

12 pm Poetry Walk

Join us at Oak Grove Parking Lot to walk down Fire Tower Rd. for an hour of leisurely walking and poetry reading to get inspired to write your nature poems.



2 pm Turtle Time

Come to the nature center to learn about our turtles and then make you own turtle to keep.



Friday, June 6, 2008

Nature Center Open from 2-6 pm

2 pm Signs of Life

Take a hike with the interpretive naturalist to learn about life going on all around us. Sometimes we may not see the animal, but we can look for signs that they have been there.

7-9 pm Campground Nature Center

Tonight the nature center will be in the campground. Stop by and meet the naturalist, see live animals, pick up lots of free brochures and goodies for the kids, find out what's going on this weekend and ask the naturalist all your questions. Campground A- First Comfort Station.

Saturday, June 7, 2008

Nature Center Open from 8-4 pm

9-12 pm Fishing Derby

As part of the DNR's *Free Fishing Weekend*, we are hosting our annual *Fishing Derby*. Join us behind the Nature Center at the lake for a 3-hour fishing contest, where prizes are awarded per age group based on most fish, largest and smallest fish. It is always a lot of fun at our *Fishing Derby*. Ask the naturalist or visit the park office for details.

2 pm Fish Tales

Join us as we fish for facts in this fun game where we learn about fish as we separate fact from fiction.

9 pm Nature's Night Owls

Take a hike with the interpretive naturalist down Fire Tower Rd, to discover nature's nightlife. Find out who's out at night and learn how animals depend less on their vision at night and develop their other senses, through this interactive and enjoyable hike for the whole family. Please do not bring flashlights, remember we are learning to develop our night vision and rely on our other senses. Meet at Oak Grove Parking Lot.



Sunday, June 8, 2008

Nature Center Open from 8-4 pm

8 am Sunday Morning Stroll

Join the interpretive naturalist on a leisurely hike on Fire Tower Road. We will be hiking all of 2 miles and enjoying nature on this early morning hike, and talking about the different birds, plants and animals we see as we hike. Plan about 1 and 1/2 hrs for this program. Meet at Oak Grove Parking Lot.

10 am Gardening is for the Birds

If you like to spend hours watching the birds, but think it can only be done at a park, think again! Anyone can create a garden for the birds in their backyard. Come to this informative program to learn how to start your garden.

12 pm Creek Safari

Want to get wet in wild in Fallen Timber Creek, well here's your chance. Join us for a creek safari to discover aquatic life and fossils. Please wear old clothes and shoes, we will be getting wet and muddy and bring a net if you wish.



2 pm Tree ID 101

We are surrounded by a lush green forest, however that forest is made up of many different kinds of trees and while on the surface they may all look the same, they're not. Learn about the diversity of trees in Versailles State Park and the uses of those trees. Through learning how to identify trees using a key, you will begin to discover the diversity in this lush green forest.



Nature Scavenger Hunt

Come to the nature center anytime we're open to pick up your clue sheet. See how many items you can find. Then come back to the nature center for a prize.